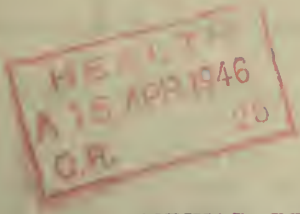


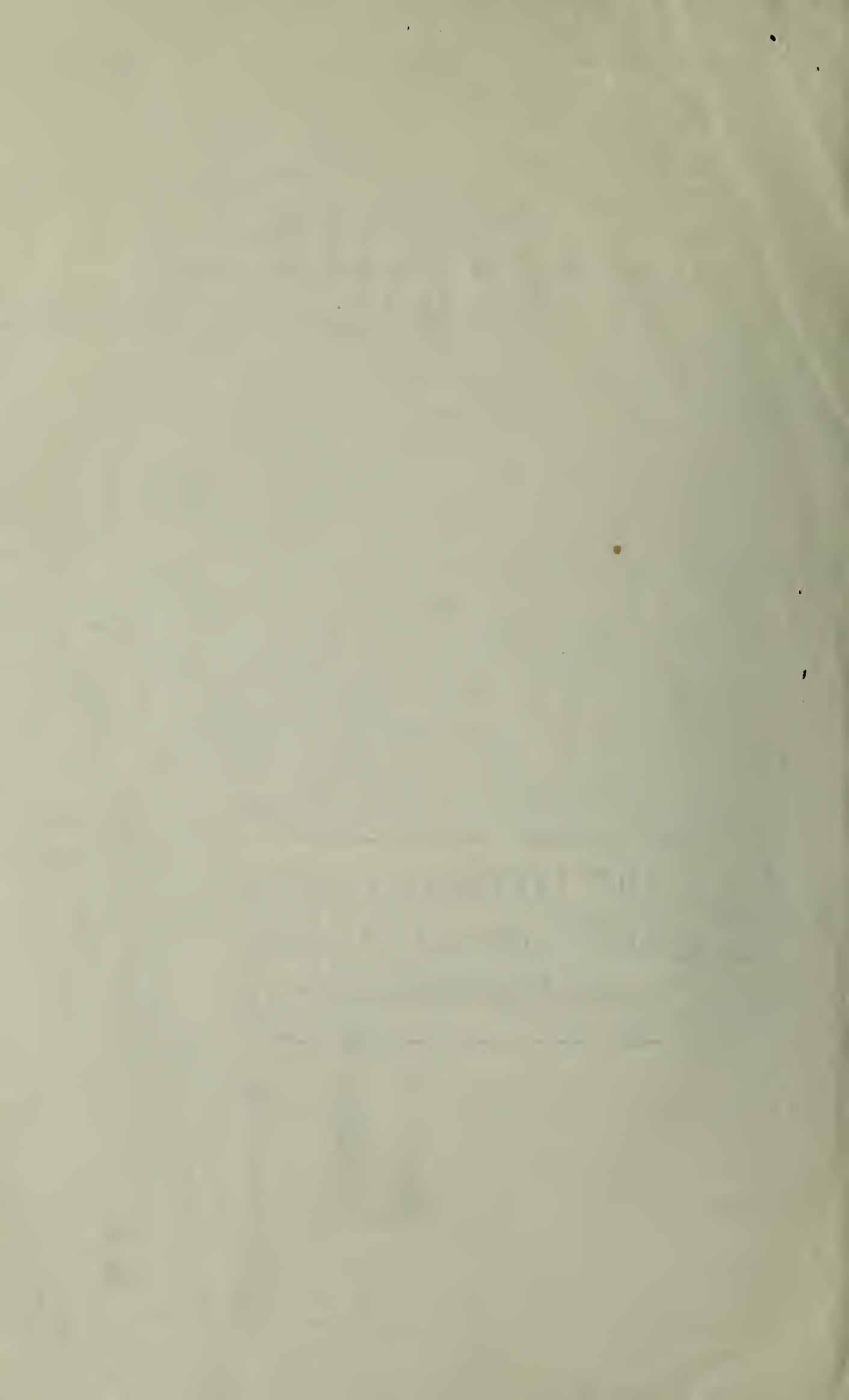
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CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1945.





No. 1
The Chairman and Members of the CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1945.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, for the Year 1945.

I am pleased to be able to report that progress has been made during the year in Housing, Water Supply and Refuse Collection Schemes. Details are given later in this Report.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area - 93,370 acres.

Estimated population,	10,510	in 1945	(Excluding evacuees)
"	"	9,600	in 1944 { " " }
"	"	9,358	in 1939 { " " }
"	"	10,081	in 1931

Number of Inhabited Houses, 2,950.

Rateable Value, £27,063. Product of 1d. Rate £124. 11. 7½.

District - Agricultural.

1 Milk Factory; 1 small Manure Factory; 1 small Fruit Pulping Factory.

Live Births:- Legitimate; Males 49; Females 38; Total 87.

Illegitimate; Males 7; Females 3; Total 10.

Rate per 1,000 estimated population - 9.2.

Deaths:- Males 59; Females 51; Total 110.

Rate per 1,000 population - 10.3 in 1945.

" " " " 11.7 in 1944.

" " " " 8.8 in 1943.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis - 0.

Deaths from other Puerperal Causes - 1.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:- Legitimate }
" " " " " " " " Illegitimate } 7.

Deaths from Cancer - 17.

" " Measles - 0.

" " Whooping Cough - 0.

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) - 0.

" " Pneumonia - 6.

" " Pulmonary Tuberculosis - 2.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.Staff of the Health Department.Officers.

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. W.S.O'Loughlin, M.D., M.R.C.O.G.
 Chief Sanitary Inspector - Mr S.M.Perriam, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
 Asst. do. do. Mr D.Heard.
 Temp'y Asst. do. Mr L.D.Boddy.
 Clerk, etc. Mr W.Noye.

Hospital and Nursing Arrangements.

There has been no change in the Ambulance, Hospital and Clinic Services in the District. These and the Laboratory facilities are satisfactory.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.Water.

Supplies in many parts of the District were again insufficient in the summer, but the position has not been so acute as in previous years, owing to the larger rainfall and the return to their homes of a considerable number of evacuees.

The Bill setting up the North Devon Water Board is now before Parliament and the Board is expected to be in operation on the 1st April, 1946. Good progress has been made in the preparation of the Scheme.

Drainage.

No new drainage works have been carried out. Consideration has been given to the needs of the District as required by the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944.

Housing.

The remaining four War-time Agricultural Workers' Cottages have been completed during the year, thus completing the programme of eight houses.

A number of sites have been purchased in connection with the Post-war Housing Programme. Tenders have been obtained for the erection of 6 houses at Sandford. These tenders have been rejected by the Ministry of Health as being too high.

The Rural Housing Survey of 'working-class' houses (as part of a nation-wide scheme) commenced in this District in June, 1945, and upwards of 1200 houses had been inspected and classified by the end of the Year. It is hoped to continue the inspections at the same rate until the Survey is completed.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Premises used for the production of food have been inspected and action taken where necessary.

Refuse Collection.

A central dump has been purchased and a regular collection, at present only bi-monthly, is now made covering practically the whole of the District. One small portion of the District is still not covered, but it is hoped to include this and to have monthly collections as soon as sufficient labour and transport are available.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.Table of Notifiable Diseases occurring during the Year.

	Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	6	4	0
Diphtheria	2	2	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Euerperal Pyrexia	3	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0

Scarlet Fever.

Only 6 cases were reported. 4 were removed to Hospital. All recovered.

Diphtheria.

Two cases were notified during the year. They were removed to Hospital and both recovered. The immunisation of children has been continued on a systematic basis in co-operation with the General Practitioners. Approximately 95% of the children in the District have been immunised.

Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases notified during the year was 6.

Scabies.

The number of cases has further lessened this year.

Venereal Disease.

No cases came to my notice.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) W.S.O'LOUGHLIN.

Medical Officer of Health.

